

**CLAIMS**

I claim:

1. A method of improving the operation of a test strip, said method comprising the step of:

flexing the test strip.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising flexing the test strip so that it is positioned in multiple planes.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein flexing the test strip creates pressure points at specific places on the test strip that enhances the function of the strip.

4. An improved chemically-impregnated test strip, said test strip having micro-pores, the improvement comprising:

elongating the micro-pores thereby improving the capillary flow of any liquid that contacts the test strip.

5. The improved test strip of claim 4 wherein the micro-pores are elongated in the direction of the intended liquid flow.

6. A method of improving the operation of a test strip comprising:

tapering the end of a test strip.

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